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SUBJECT: U.S./CANADIAN MEAT/ LIVESTOCK ISSUES

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1. AT CANADIAN MEAT PACKERS CONVENTION FEBRUARY 9-11, QUEBEC CITY, AGATT HAD OCCASION TO VISIT WITH SEVERAL GOC OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS.

2. AGATT BELIEVES GOC MAY REQUEST MEETINGS WITH U.S. IN NEAR FUTURE. ITC OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT REQUEST FOR MEETING WAS CONSIDERED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9 BUT WHELAN HAD CONFLICT WITH MEETING IN MEXICO.

3. GOC OFFICIALS MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) U.S. AND CANADIAN BEEF PRICES COMING TOGETHER. SETTLEMENT NOW WOULD NOT RPT. NOT RESULT IN ANY SUDDEN TRADE MOVEMENT EITHER WAY. (B) U.S. ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE (\$109 MILLION) SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED. CANADIAN IMPORTS OF U.S. PORK AND CATTLE UNDER 700 LBS. HAVE INCREASED SHARPLY, NOTE: WHILE PORK WAS NOT A FACTOR IN CALCULATING ESTIMATED U.S. TRADE LOSS, CANADIANS EXPECTED TO CONTEND THAT PORK QUESTION IS GERMAIN BECAUSE OF INCLUSION IN U.S. IMPORT QUOTA. (C) CANADA'S GLOBAL QUOTA WORKING TO U.S. ADVANTAGE. DEMAND FOR IMPORTED BONING BEEF IS LOW DUE DOMESTIC SUPPLIES. NEW ZEALAND HAS NOT OFFERED BEEF RECENTLY. HENCE, U.S. IS

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RECEIVING LIONS SHARE OF GLOBAL QUOTA FOR QUALITY BEEF.

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